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Comment Of The Day

THE BICYCLE MENACE

HOW many motorists are there in Hongkong who have not at some time had a brush or a near collision with a cyclist? We venture to guess few. As road users know, cyclists have a bad habit of weaving in and out of traffic and steering chaotically, oblivious to others. And accidents, varying in degree from minor to fatal, are a common occurrence on Colony roads.

Cyclists seem to be more dangerous here than elsewhere. This is possibly because the bicycle is the cheapest and most versatile form of private transport. But this is not all. In many cases Hongkong cyclists seem to lack the ability to respond to rapidly changing conditions on the road. In other cases where they are intelligent enough they exploit the fact that they are the vulnerable road-user and that the motorist and truck driver have a special responsibility to them.

BUT while some action is needed to "control" the bicycle menace, the Police must stop short of restrictive measures which would hamper the many small firms making deliveries or carrying goods by bicycle. How can they do this? It is necessary first to consider the most dangerous kinds of cyclist.

To begin with there is the under-size boy who is unable to reach the pedals properly without straddling the bar. The second is the cyclist riding a machine which is either over-loaded or carrying a far too bulky basket or parcel on the handlebars or pillion. The latter category particularly is dangerous because the added weight and bulk make the bicycle difficult to control.

Again, the pint-sized lad on an adult bicycle is a menace because he tends to swing the bicycle from side to side as he rides. Another dangerous category is the slow, cumbersome and hard to manoeuvre. The ideal solution to the cycle problem would be special cycle lanes as in Clear Water Bay Road, but there are few main roads in the Colony that can be rapidly converted to provide them, even if there were space available.

LICENSING of cycles has been suggested so that dangerous driving by a cyclist can be reported in the same way as careless or dangerous driving by a motorist. But the snag in this case is that while the machines can be easily licensed as they were in pre-war Shanghai, the licensing of riders would be difficult to police.

There are one or two other suggestions: make rear-view mirrors on bicycles compulsory and have the Police make special checks for overloading and undersized riders. Another is that all goods-carrying bicycles be kept off main roads during rush-hours. These requests are made not simply to reduce hazards for motorists, or to make the cyclist's life more difficult but to eliminate a serious traffic danger and to safeguard the cyclist himself. For he repeatedly demonstrates that he is not a fit companion for the faster and heavier vehicles in Hongkong's narrow and overcrowded streets.

Government urged to make a new law WRONG—BUT NO ACQUITTAL

Full court's ruling in unusual case

The Full Court today regretfully declined to quash an acquittal by a judge, though conceding there had been a miscarriage of justice.

The court however urged Government to pass a new law which would prevent Hongkong's courts being put in such an impasse again.

Before Potsdam Churchill warned Truman

Washington, Aug. 23. Winston Churchill warned President Truman two months before the fateful Potsdam conference in 1945 that "terrible things have happened during the Russian advance in Germany," it was reported today.

This was reported in a newspaper article made available to the Associated Press by the Minneapolis (Minnesota) Tribune and the Des Moines (Iowa) Register and Tribune. It was written by Fletcher Knebel and Charles W. Bailey.

The article, third in a series, was based on U.S. State Department papers concerning the Potsdam Conference. The papers are still secret and expected to be published by the U.S. Government early next year.

CAUTION
Mr. Churchill repeatedly cautioned Mr. Truman "to move with the greatest caution" in his first negotiations with Russia, the article said.

It described Mr. Truman as suddenly catapulted into the awesome responsibilities of the presidency in April 1945, when Mr. Roosevelt died. The article gave the following report: "Mr. President," Mr. Churchill cabled on May 11, "in the next two months the gravest matters in the world will be decided."

If the Russians were permitted to hold on to their conquests, Churchill went on, "it would mean the tide of Russian domination sweeping forward 120 miles—this would be an event which, if it occurred, would be one of the most melancholy in history."

A day later, on May 12, the British statesman used apparently the first time his famous iron curtain phrase. In a message to Mr. Truman he said: "An iron curtain is drawn upon their front. We do not know what is going on behind. This was almost a year before Mr. Churchill's famous Fulton speech when he used the iron curtain phrase the first time in public.—AP.

The acquittal of a village elder, Shing Kwai, who forged title to land in Chai Wan, was upheld. But the court declared that Judge B. J. Jennings had made a mistake in law when he found Shing not guilty because he had not intended to defraud. The Crown's bid to have the acquittal quashed was refused on grounds "there never has been a case in which acquittal by a court of summary jurisdiction has been quashed by a higher court."

The Full Court's decision said: "The present proceedings appear to emphasise the desirability of providing some more appropriate method of correcting mistaken interpretations of the law so that at least they may not retain an authority which could lead others into error."

Anxiety
The decision pointed out that four years ago, the Full Court made the same recommendation. The president was quoted as expressing anxiety at that time: "...as to whether it is really wise that the correction of errors of this kind...should be left to these prerogative writs and their many historical and procedural limitations..."

Today's refusal of certiorari, the decision said, was made "with regret as we share the view expressed (in a 1944 case) that a miscarriage of justice may arise from the acquittal of the guilty no less than from the conviction of the innocent."

The Full Court said: "It is difficult to see why an order of acquittal by a court of summary jurisdiction made because of an erroneous view of the law plainly adopted by the court of trial should not, on principle, be as voidable by certiorari as an order of conviction made in similar circumstances."

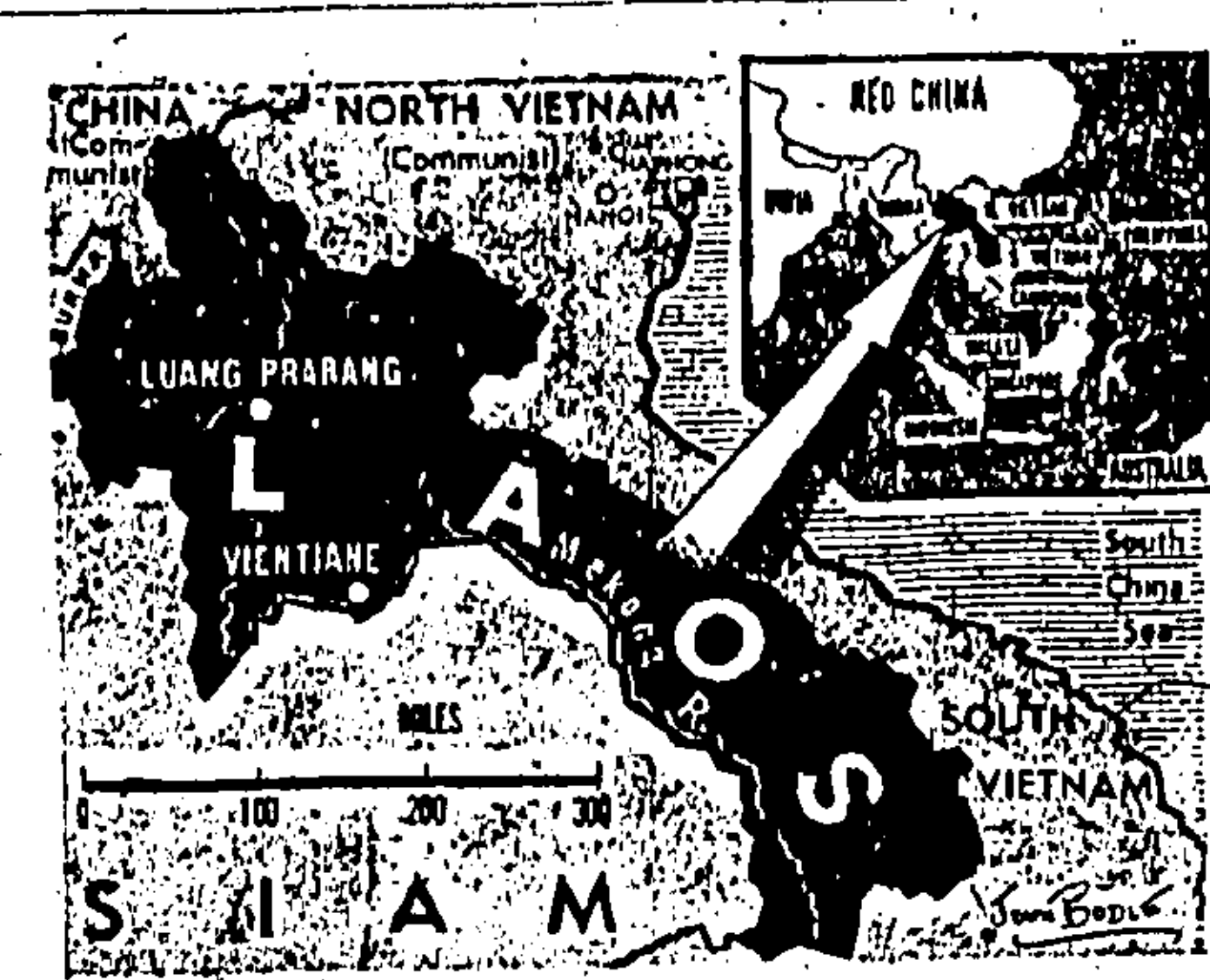
British law
Explaining why the decision quoted authorities to the effect that it was an old and solid British principle of law that a defendant, once having stood in danger and been acquitted, ought not to go on trial again.

Evidence at the trial of Shing was that he firmly believed he owned the land to which he forged title. Original documents of ownership, it was said, were lost during the Japanese occupation.

Judge Jennings found that because Shing had a bona fide belief in his right to the land, he had no intention to defraud by making the false documents and thus the charge failed.

Mr. G. R. Sneath, Crown Counsel, argued before the Full Court that just because a man believes something is his, it does not mean he can make up false papers to prove it.

Mr. Patrick Yu represented Shing. The Full Court is made up of His Lordship Sir Michael Hogan, the Chief Justice, Mr. Justice C. W. Ho and Mr. Justice W. A. Blaisdell. A writ from a higher court for records of case tried in lower court.



Loyal Laos troops capture port as leaders confer

Vientiane, Aug. 23. Troops loyal to the ousted pro-Western Government of Laos today captured the river port of Sanakarm, 75 miles from here, as their leader conferred with the country's new neutralist premier at his headquarters.

General Phoumi Nosavan's troops, believed to number 600, came down the Mekong River from the royal seat of Luang Prabang. Military authorities here tonight advanced Vientiane's curfew by three hours and ordered everyone inside their homes by 7 pm local time.

As Radio Vientiane reported the capture of Sanakarm, neutralist Premier Souvanna Phouma returned from urgent talks at Savannakhet with General Phoumi in a bid to avert a civil war.

'NO PROBLEM'

After his talks with the General, the Prince said "there is no problem which cannot be solved." The first thing was that the army must return to normal—"after that we will see," the Prime Minister said.

He flew south to Savannakhet in the American Air Attache's Beechcraft plane to see the general after getting word that the general's troops were on the march.

The Prince confirmed that two of the General's battalions had reached Paksane, 93 miles east of Vientiane, the capital, but he laughed off all queries as to whether the troops had marched through Thailand, as stated by coup leader Capt. Kong Le.

"That question is all finished now," he said. He said everything was going back to normal, but refused to elaborate.

He said General Phoumi was not coming to Vientiane for the time being but he had agreed to open up the airfields all over the country to commercial flights.

There would be no more leaflet-droppings by the General's planes on Vientiane.

SATISFACTORY

General Ouan Rattikone, army Commander-in-Chief who accompanied the Prince, said the talks were "very satisfactory."

Both the Prince and General Ouan lunched with General Phoumi today at the house of Colonel Rounthoune, local regional commander, and General Ouan said the atmosphere was very friendly.

Observers said it was too early to say that the Laotian crisis was finished, although Vientiane continued to return to normal today with banks opening their doors for the first time in two weeks.

With Prince Souvanna on his flight today were the Deputy Chief of the United Nations mission in Laos, Mr. Robert Galliard, an observer, and the United States Assistant Military Attache, Mr. Robert Friedland.

MAN WHO INCITED STRIKE JAILED

London, Aug. 24. Patrick Neary, leader of the wildest strike which stranded hundreds of tourists in Britain's seaports, was jailed on Tuesday for inciting seamen to walk off their ships.

Neary, chairman of the British National Seamen's Reform Movement, was convicted of contempt of court by inciting crewmen to strike after the court had ordered him not to do so.

Neary was not sentenced to a definite term. He will stay in jail until he apologises and the court decides he has purged his contempt.

A total of 107 ships—most of them coasters—were still tied up yesterday mainly in the north-east ports and Liverpool.

The Cunard liner Mauretania sailed on time for New York from Southampton, where the strike has totally collapsed.—AP.

No U.S. tariff on HK textiles

Washington, Aug. 23. President Eisenhower today accepted a U.S. Tariff Commission recommendation against imposition of import restrictions on cotton textile imports.

The Tariff Commission had mentioned in its June 27 recommendation to the President that concern existed over imports from Hongkong "and other newly active foreign sources."—AP.

Five storms adrift in the Pacific area

Tokyo, Aug. 24. Weathermen were today keeping track of five simultaneous typhoons or storms in the Pacific region. Officials could not recall when there had been so many at the same time in recent years.

One severe tropical storm, Elaine, is near Hongkong—300 miles east, and moving west at seven knots at 11 am today.

Most destructive of the five to date was Carmen which slashed across central Korea yesterday with 80 mph winds leaving four persons missing, 1,500 homeless and causing considerable property damage before moving out into the Japan Sea with weakening force. These casualty and damage reports were unconfirmed.

US Air Force weathermen said Carmen, now a tropical storm, was located 430 miles northeast of Seoul moving east at 40 mph with maximum 60 mph winds. Other reports from Korea said that at Mokpo, on the southwestern tip of the peninsula, a gate-fanned holocaust burned down a primary school.

In Fusan, also on the southern tip, 40 farm houses were reported washed away in flash floods caused by typhoon rains.

OTHER STORMS

The other three, based on their positions at 9 pm (Hongkong time) yesterday, are: Typhoon Bea, located 830 miles east of Tokyo, in a stationary position and expected to remain so for another 24 hours. Maximum winds are 75 mph.

Typhoon Della, located 390 miles southwest of two Jima, moving west-northwest at six mph with 85 mile-an-hour winds. Della's centre is expected to be 455 miles southeast of Okinawa today.

Tropical storm Faye, located 405 miles southwest of Marcus Island and moving northeast at eight mph with 50 mile-an-hour winds. The centre of the storm is expected to be 300 miles northeast of the Wake Island by today.—AP.

Two Soviet officers detained in Bonn

Bonn, Aug. 23. Two Russian officers registered before taken to military police headquarters in Stuttgart yesterday after being seen taking photographs of military installations, the U.S. army headquarters here said tonight.

The army statement said Colonel M.I. Chernikov, chief of the Soviet Military Mission in Frankfurt, and Major V. N. Cheverlov, were detained shortly after midday yesterday at Panzer Barracks, Boeblingen, when they were seen taking photographs.

TRAFFIC BLOCK
The statement continued: "In downtown Stuttgart en route to the Provost Marshal's office for further investigation, Colonel Chernikov caused his vehicle to be stopped and refused to obey the orders of the military police to proceed."

"The Soviet vehicle was towed to the Provost Marshal's office where the investigation was completed at 7.35 pm and the men released."—Reuters.

TANKER AGROUND

Sorel, Quebec, Aug. 23. The 10,000-ton German tanker Bertha Entz, grounded on a bank near Sorel, 40 miles downstream from Montreal last night.

The ship was stuck in 25 feet of water, about 200 feet out of the channel. She was not believed damaged.—AP.

UN Mali troops mutiny: clash with tribesmen

FROM GEORGE GALE

Elizabethville, Aug. 24. African troops of the United Nations have mutinied last night and are fighting in streets of Albertville in Katanga, the breakaway Congo Province which never wanted anything to do with the UN.

Irish troops are preparing to enter to restore order. Reports from the area of fighting speak of many dead and wounded.

The mutineers—soldiers of Mali, the Federation that folded up last weekend—have joined forces in Albertville with local supporters of Congo Premier Lumumba.

This combined force is being hacked at with knives and spears by Katanga tribesmen. Messages from Albertville say the UN mutineers are in a "desperate position and calling for help."

EXPECTED
First news of the trouble came early today in a communiqué issued on behalf of Katanga's President Tshombe before the fighting actually started.

Trouble had been expected from Mali soldiers ever since the Mali Federation split into two—the Senegal and the Sudan.

The Mali commanding officer demanded the withdrawal of his troops from Katanga—fearing that discipline could not be maintained. But the UN left it too late.

This morning a plane took the advance party of the UN's Irish troops to Albertville—total strength three officers led by the commandant Patrick Keogh of Dublin—and a hefty supply of cash.

I spoke to him before his plane left. He was unaware of the crisis he was flying into. Now it is the Irish who must redeem the reputation of UN military intervention.—London Express Service.

Brisbane blaze

Brisbane, Aug. 23. Fire and explosions destroyed a 100-yard long block of riverside warehouses in Brisbane today. Firemen from five brigades fought the blaze at the wharf as a pall of oily smoke rose 150 feet over the port.—Reuters.

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DOG SNARLS TRAFFIC

And causes a minor train collision

New York, Aug. 23.

A dog described as vicious turned his spite loose against the independent subway system today, disrupting train schedules on several lines and causing one minor collision. Police said 12 people were hurt in the collision but none seriously.

The dog jumped onto the track at about 9:07 a.m. and began roaming up and down tunnels over a large area of northern Manhattan.

Thereafter ensued a long series of stoppages as motorists spotted the animal on the tracks and sought to avoid running over him. One train had to stop in a tunnel under the Harlem river and others following also had to halt, creating a long backlog of trains.

SWAPPED

The motorman of another train got out and tried to drive the dog off the tracks. But had to scurry back into his train because the animal snarled and snapped at him. In another case, a truck man had to beat a retreat for the same reason.

The collision occurred about 9:45 a.m. when two local trains bumped together, apparently because one had cut speed when the dog appeared ahead.

Shortly after 11 a.m., with trains still running off schedule, the dog was seized. An agent of the American Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals was summoned to take him away.—AP.

Racing driver will attempt Sahara record

London, Aug. 23.

British racing driver David Newman, 29, leaves here on Thursday in an attempt to set a non-stop record for crossing the Sahara from south to north in a production car.

The 2,100-mile run will be timed from Ibadan, capital of western Nigeria, to Tangier, Newman, and co-driver Peter Lee-Hutson, 24, also of London, will carry food, water and petrol for 1,600 miles without a refuelling stop.

The outward route through Algeria, Mauritania, Senegal, the Sudan, Dahomey, Ghana, Togoland and Nigeria, is little travelled in many parts.

RETURN RUN

The return run will be made as soon as the desert road, closed in the rainy season, re-opens to traffic in October.

The car has been fitted with 32-gallon and 25-gallon petrol tanks and two five-gallon water tanks. The two men will carry medical kit, small arms and 16-millimetre cameras.

London-born David Newman has had four years experience as a racing driver—mostly in the United States. He runs his own engineering business. Co-driver Peter Lee-Hutson, educated at Gordonstoun—Prince Philip's old school—is a company director and photographer.—China Mail Special.

Wellington, Aug. 23.

The bodies of two Christchurch schoolboys—Karm Mitchell, 16, and David Burn, 18,—reported overdue on a climb in Arthur's Pass National Park, were today found at the foot of a 400-foot bluff on Mount Blinell.—China Mail Special.

Two killed in factory explosion

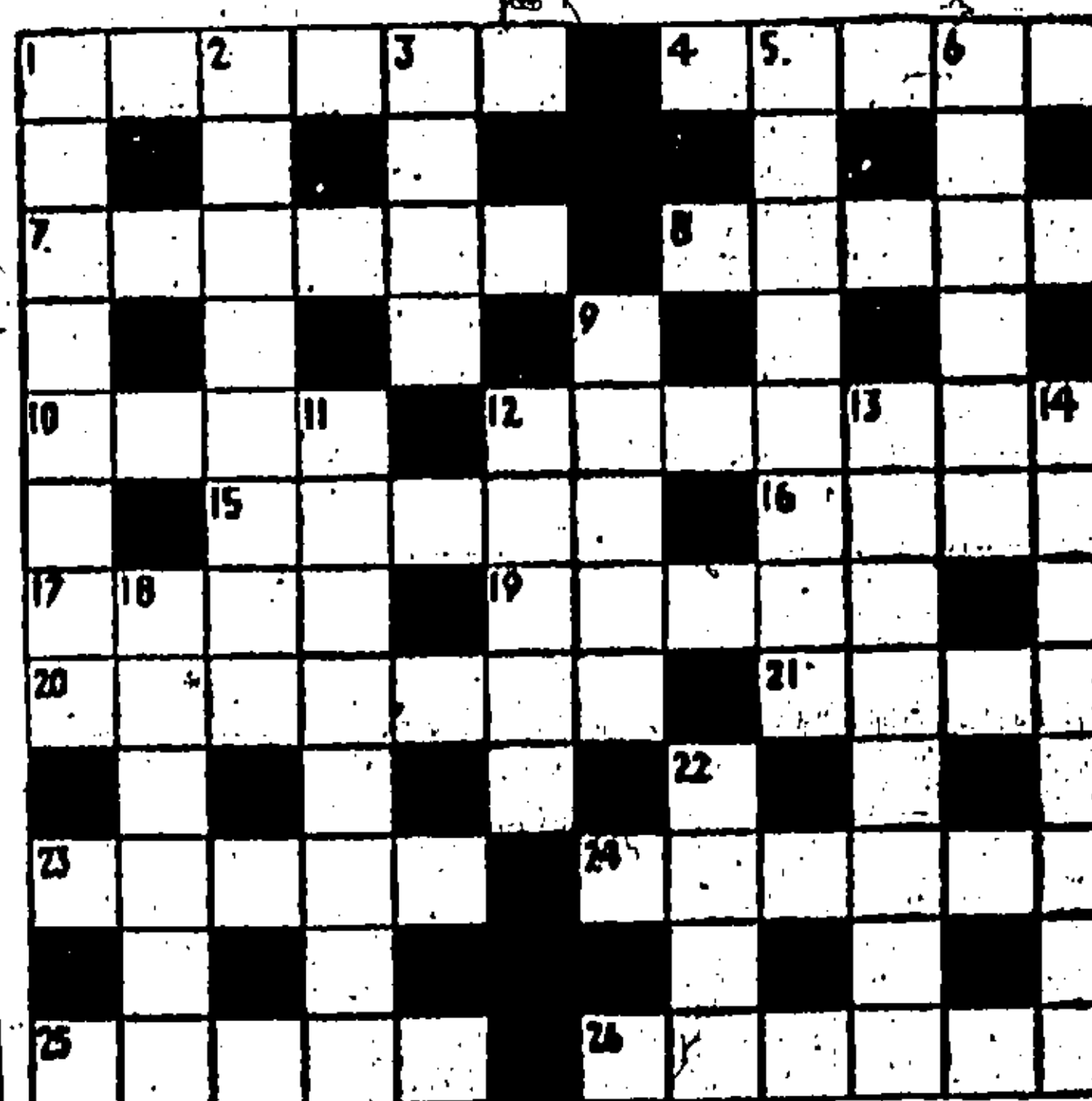
Tokyo, Aug. 24.

Two women workers were killed and 20 injured, 10 seriously, early today in an explosion at an edible vegetable oil refining plant in Tokyo.

The explosion was believed to have been set off by an electric spark in a room filled with leaking gas.

Police said 32 people were working at the time on the overnight shift.—UPI.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1 Inflame with a burning passion? (6).
- 4 Steering wheels (5).
- 7 Final score in the French match? (3).
- 8 Going to be lashed (5).
- 10 Sheep's clothing (4).
- 12 Old girl (7).
- 16 Unusual book (5).
- 18 Not the weaker sex (4).
- 19 Control a ball (4).
- 20 Make dark—or act dumb? (5).
- 21 What the gifted possess (7).
- 22 Cornishman, perhaps (4).
- 23 That rude, uncultivated look (5).
- 24 Fish for a Russian, now? (6).
- 25 Made by the successful (5).
- 26 Cross-field movements (6).

DOWN

- 1 Unit of the light brigade? (8).
- 2 Patriotic race? (8).
- 3 All at sea? (4).
- 5 Thriftily worthwhile (8).
- 6 Fireplace top (8).
- 9 Opportunities for bargain-hunters (5).
- 11 Like some rabbits (8).
- 12 Are they called at the day of reckoning? (5).
- 13 That old routine, maybe (8).
- 14 Some are undressed kids (8).
- 18 Main support (6).
- 22 Zero energy thermonuclear assembly, in short (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 3. King-crab; 7. Trace; 8. Transient; 10. Entice; 12. Smoothed; 16. Sole; 17. (don) Founder; 18. Pensive; 20. Bug; 21. Madam; 22. Gallon; 23. Laburnum; 24. Eleven; 25. Soreness; Down: 1. Stork; 2. Santa; 3. Ketch; 4. Gong; 5. Ramrod; 6. Butter; 8. Rooster; 11. New-m; 12. Idling; 14. Dooed; 15. Small; 16. List; 18. Psalm; 19. Numb; 20. 23. Dicks; 24. After; 25. Ended; 26. Burn.

Moscow-Peking dispute said mounting

London, Aug. 23.

The Soviet Communist Party Central Committee was reported by diplomatic sources here tonight to have sent a circular letter to lower party organisations inside the Soviet Union on the object of its ideological dispute with Communist China.

The sources said they did not know what was in the letter, and that its existence has not been officially confirmed.

But, they added, if reports were accurate, it appeared to indicate that Moscow looked on its dispute with Peking as growing in intensity.

SIMMERING

The dispute is generally regarded to have been simmering for several months over an ideological issue.

The Russians emphasise the possibilities of peaceful co-existence with capitalism, while the Chinese stress the likelihood of war with imperialism before "socialism" can be achieved throughout the world.

However, recent reports have suggested that the dispute is transcending the bounds of ideology and influencing the two countries' practical relations.

Large numbers of Soviet technicians and experts are stated to have been leaving Peking for reasons so far undisclosed. The distribution in the Soviet Union of two magazines devoted to Soviet-Chinese friendship is reported to have been suspended.

Diplomatic sources said the Chinese were coming under criticism in some Communist circles for adopting an allegedly Trotskyist way of thinking.

Trotsky, in opposition to Stalin's thesis of "socialism in one country" and coexistence with the capitalist world, used to preach world revolution.

The Chinese, it was maintained, do not believe in coexistence with capitalism, but would be willing to see violent methods used throughout the world—including, if required, war—to establish "socialism."—Reuter.

4 passengers questioned in kidnap case

Sydney, Aug. 23.

Three men and a woman, passengers on a ship bound for Trieste, were questioned in Fremantle yesterday about the kidnap murder of eight-year-old Graeme Thorne in Sydney last month.

The quartet had driven from Sydney to Adelaide and there boarded the passenger liner Flaminia.

An Adelaide taxi-driver had become suspicious of the four people and contacted the Adelaide CIB, who in turn, asked Perth CIB to meet the ship.

The four were questioned on board the Flaminia and photographed.

The chief of Sydney CIB Detective Superintendent Ron Walden, received a message today that the four people had denied any connection with the kidnapping and murder.

NEW PENALTY

The police message from Perth CIB to Sydney CIB said there was nothing found to involve the quartet and they were permitted to continue their journey.

Meanwhile Sydney detectives are still working 24 hours daily seeking a clue to the identity and whereabouts of the kidnapers.

Today the New South Wales cabinet approved legislation making the maximum penalty for kidnapping 20 years imprisonment.

The new legislation, a direct result of the recent kidnapping in New South Wales of a 10-year-old child under which a person held for kidnapping a child under 12 years of age could only be charged with abduction, the maximum penalty is 10 years.

The New South Wales premier, Mr Robert Menzies, said later the new penalty would be provided for in an amendment to the Crimes Act.—Reuter.

Yellow fever threat

Singapore, Aug. 23.

Air travel has made the hazards of yellow fever a very real thing in Singapore. 18 experts of the World Health Organisation were told yesterday.

Dr Colin Marcus, the Director of Medical Services in Singapore, told the experts that the Government was planning to set up a yellow fever clinic at the Singapore airport and also launch a campaign against the type of mosquito which carries yellow fever.—UPI.

Belgians will not leave without UN assurance

Kamina Base, Congo, Aug. 23.

Belgian Air Force Colonel Remy Van Lierde, the Commander of the Belgian base of Kamina, said today he would not leave Europeans in danger in the Congo, and would only withdraw when he was sure the United Nations were able to assure their protection through a sufficient number of troops.

He would leave, he added, only when he was certain the UN was capable of taking over the installations at the base.

He was replying to a question concerning statements by UN Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld that the Belgians would leave in eight days.

He said he thought it would hardly be possible to leave for several weeks yet. Even if the UN supplied the necessary technicians, it would take months to teach them how to direct the base's indigenous employees who belonged to different tribes.

CONFUSED

Colonel Van Lierde said that what he had seen of the work of the United Nations appeared somewhat confused. Last Tuesday, he added, a UN Moroccan battalion arrived unannounced after making a mistake about the airport. He said 700 Ethiopian troops had been there for a week but had not moved at all.

He said he had not even met the colonel of the 200 Irish troops which arrived. "Our relations aren't bad, but you couldn't exactly say we were fraternising," he commented.

The Kamina base looks like a neat little city of modern villas and administrative buildings. It occupies land conceded to Belgium by the local chieftains.

For this reason the Katanga Government has stated that the matter of Kamina base was one to be settled between the Belgian government and the United Nations.—AP.

Paris, Aug. 23.

Brigitte Bardot's streamlined grey convertible—one of the most publicised items ever stolen in Paris—was found abandoned today near a university student's residence.

The policeman who found the car reported the remains of a picnic lunch were left on the seat. Brigitte had parked the car in front of her home on Monday.—AP.

London, Aug. 23.

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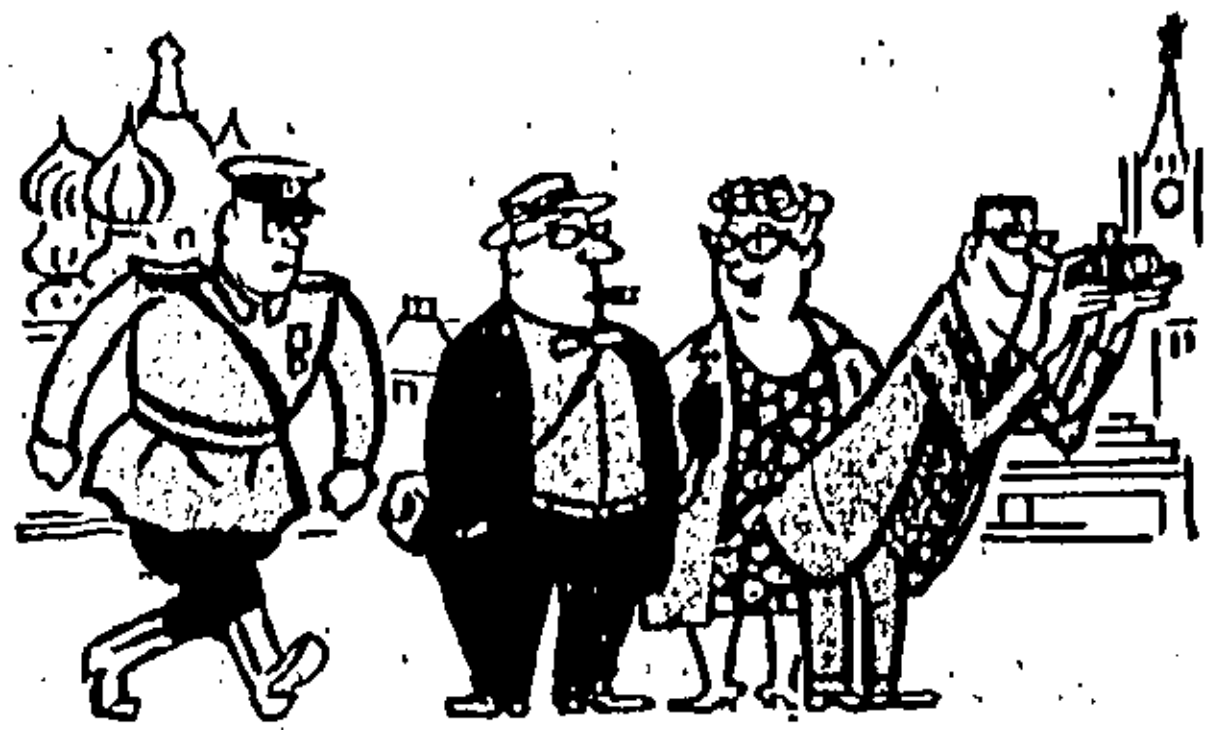
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Mid Week Selection by Friell



"Elmer's a scream! Watch this—he's got no film in his camera!"



"It sure will be great if he comes here, I must practise my curtsy!"



"I was expelled from Moscow in retaliation for your being expelled from Washington in retaliation for that fellow who was expelled from Moscow in... say how long have you got before your plane's due?"



"We must stop the cold war spreading here and return to the simple straightforward law of the jungle."

CONCLUDING

IT is a curious thing that the battle formation used by the victorious squadrons of Fighter Command in the Battle of Britain was shortly afterward rejected as being dangerous and ineffective.

The explanation, I suppose, lies in the fact that during the Battle we were too preoccupied to worry about the niceties of tactics.

Just as the Army at one time tactically fell-in in two ranks and formed fours before marching off, so we flew in the formation which had been handed down to us—sections of three aircraft, one on each side and a bit to the rear of the leader, and four such sections to the squadron.

Picked off

When patrolling on an operational mission it was the job of the two outside men in the last section to weave from side to side, guarding against surprise attack from behind.

More often than not, in practice, these "weavers" were much too busy trying to keep up with the rest of the squadron to keep a proper look-out behind. And they were picked off with painful regularity by attacking Messerschmitts.

We all expected the Germans to make another assault in the spring. And we knew the desperate importance of preparing ourselves for it.

For my own part, I had every good personal reason to mistrust the old system. For months I had flown as one of the back men in the back section of the squadron. I had once been shot down without seeing what had hit me, and had been extremely lucky to survive.

The something had happened to many of my closest friends—and they had not all been so lucky. When in February 1941 we moved south to Tangmere, on the West Sussex coast, we expected the Battle of Britain to start again within a few weeks, and we knew that we would be in the thick of it from the start. But we still had not resolved finally the question of the best formation for operations against the Messerschmitt 109's.

We had changed, like most other squadrons, from sections of three aircraft flying in V's to sections of four, flying in line astern. This gave added manoeuvrability, but the last man in each section was still in a dangerously vulnerable situation.

Soon after we got to Tangmere, Douglas Bader was posted to the station to lead the three fighter squadrons stationed there, moulding them into one cohesive combat unit.

MY NEW BATTLE PLAN —AND I WAS ITS FIRST VICTIM . . .



DOUGLAS BADER
Determined to get into battle

One evening in the Tangmere mess a few of us sat up late discussing tactics.

I pronounced the idea that we should fly in sections of four aircraft—two pairs, and all four airplanes in line abreast.

That way, I suggested, we could fly absolutely straight, the pairs crossing over only on turns. The pair on the left would be able to watch the sky for hundreds of yards behind, the pair on the right and vice versa. Nothing could creep up unseen.

I have no idea now as to whether this was an original idea or not. Most probably it was not.

Worth trying

Next morning I was having breakfast in the mess when Bader came and sat at the same table. He announced cheerfully that he had been thinking over what I had said. Worth trying, he thought.

He called over to Paddy Woodhouse, C.O. of 610 Squadron, told him to get another pilot from his squadron, and be ready for take-off at about 11.30.

With the air of a man conferring a great favour, he told me that as the whole thing had been my idea I could go along as his number two. At about 12.15 we were flying from east to west down the

Channel, off Calais, at 20,000 feet. We flew about 100 yards apart and almost level, allowing Bader to keep just a few yards in front. I was on his left, Paddy Woodhouse was on his right and a sergeant pilot of 610 Squadron was further to the right again.

If anything came up behind us we must see it. The idea was that we would wait and watch until the enemy was almost in range, then break hard outwards—Bader and I to the left, the other pair to the right.

Then I saw them, and my tummy did its usual somersault. Four or five dots, curving round above and behind, then straightening out on the same course as ourselves—Messerschmitt 109s.

We sat and sweated it out, waiting for Bader's order to break. When it came we whirled round in a turn so sharp that the bare of incident black-out almost shut off the sight of Bader's tail wheel as I followed round.

Straitening out on our original course, I peered around for the 109's. According to my masterly exposition of the previous night, they should now be in front of us, waiting to be shot down. Where were they? Again the explosions seemed utterly shattering and devastating. Again the cockpit filled with thick white smoke, showing that my great tank had been hit.

But this time I had a jettisoning system for my hood. I pulled the plug and pushed the canopy away. The smoke poured out and I could see what was what. The sky seemed to be empty, except for one Spitfire. I had to get down quick, before the smoke turned to fire.

Having the little grass airfield behind Dover, was in easy gliding distance and I made for it. In the excitement of the moment I misjudged the approach and came in much too high.

Having no engine I could not go round again, so pushed the nose down and got my Spitfire on to the ground, wheels up, travelling at about 140 mph and close to the edge of the field. We careered along the ground in a cloud of mud and stones.

The story of
the greatest
battle of
the War.

by HUGH DUNDAS,
D.S.O., D.F.C.

But when we went into action in the early summer it was not in a resumption of the Battle of Britain. It turned out that Hitler's "postponement" of the invasion had in fact been a cancellation imposed by Fighter Command.

In May, 1941, we carried the battle back to where it had come—over to the skies of northern France. Day after day, under the direction of Leigh-Mallory and Schell Douglas, the strong Wing formations flew out across the Channel, assertively offensive.

Furious fighting

The fighting was furious. The losses were heavy. In 616 Squadron we went through the equivalent of more than a whole squadron's strength of pilots that burning hectic summer. But we gave better than we got—and no German crossed our shores in daylight.

When, in September, I was finally posted away from this squadron which I joined as a boy before the war, not a single auxiliary pilot was left. I was the last.

It was consoling to know that the men who had fallen in the Battle of Britain would have been satisfied indeed if they could see how, just a year later, we held an honoured place among those who had carried the battle back to the enemy. (London Express Service.)

THE SOUND OF SEA HELPS DEADEN PAIN AT THE DENTIST'S

THE gentle swish of the sea on a shingle beach is cutting down the pain felt by hundreds of Britons when they visit their dentist.

The sound—or an alternative selection of light music—is fed to them through earphones as they sit in the operating chair. It is recorded on tape first. Doctors and dentists report that it is proving a great boon in most cases.

The music relaxes the patient. The soft, lulling sound appears to do two things—it masks the whine of a drill, and takes the mind off local pain.

One dentist who has tried it on 1,000 patients reports that 250 of them needed no other kind of pain-killer.

Several dentists have rigged up their own tape-recorder and earphones but a new machine—with a small remote control panel from which the patient can alter his choice of music or its volume—is now on the market.

BLUE STREAK

BLUE Streak—yes or no? The debate goes eternally on. So does Government procrastination. The other day Professor Fred Hoyle joined in and warned us to beware of people who exaggerate the importance of a British space programme.

Just for the squabble record, this is how the U.S. House of Representatives committee on Science and Astronautics views space research. In a report just issued it lists the following by-products that have resulted from THEIR programme:

(1) A drug, derived from a rocket fuel, now being used to treat tuberculosis and some mental disorders. (2) Sensitive devices, adapted from satellite instruments, now used to measure body temperature and blood flow. (3) Infra-red

satellite scanning equipment, now used to roast fowl in the oven, or in lamps. (4) A new beam gun for high-quality welding. (5) A ceramic developed for radar tracking domes, now used to make household pots and pans.

(6) A new forage harvester, using an aerodynamic principle worked out by rocket engineers. (7) A plasma arc torch, now helping to mass-produce ultra-hard materials and coatings. (8) A new type of valve for home heating systems.

The report mentions dozens more and adds: "We can be reasonably sure that the greatest, albeit benefits to come from our ventures in space are yet unseen."

Blue Streak—yes or no? (London Express Service.)

THE ROME OLYMPICS 1960

THE HUMAN TORPEDO

AMERICAN sports writers voted him the greatest swimmer of the first half of the 20th century. A film critic described him as "the most harmonious piece of human machinery and physical fitness ever seen."

His name: Johnny Weissmuller, winner of three Olympic gold medals, one-time holder of every world record from 50 to 500 yards, and immortalised by Hollywood as Tarzan of the Apes.

They called him "The perfect man." He was broad-shouldered, close to Lake Michigan, he was barrel-chested, 6 ft. 3 in., and backed the strength of an ox into his 190 lb. frame.

Yet this splendidly proportioned athlete was once an ailing and under-sized youth—a more powerful, the long arms weakling, who was a constant source of anxiety to his parents.

Gloomy

Doctors gloomily shook their heads when they examined this Chicago-born son of Austrian immigrants. Johnny Weissmuller was so frail and weak that he might never be able to lead a normal, robust life.

Only one physician saw a ray of hope. He suggested that swimming exercises might build up the boy's strength.

Like his parents, 13-year-old Johnny could not swim a stroke. He had no interest in the sport. But he was ready to tackle anything to conquer his disabilities. He began by splashing about in the muddy river near his home—using "water wings." He hated every minute of it. He was clumsy and awkward. But after weeks of endeavour he found himself swimming a few strokes at a time—and enjoying it.

His interest mounted with his ability. So did his strength.

And when the family moved west, he was broad-shouldered, close to Lake Michigan, he was barrel-chested, 6 ft. 3 in., and backed the strength of an ox into his 190 lb. frame.

Soon he was imitating their style. His strokes gradually improved, and his leg kick became a more powerful. The long arms weakling, who was a constant source of anxiety to his parents, began by splashing about in the muddy river near his home—using "water wings." He hated every minute of it. He was clumsy and awkward. But after weeks of endeavour he found himself swimming a few strokes at a time—and enjoying it.

Shrewd

But he went to another club where shrewd swimming coach William "Back" Bachrack decided to admit him to his coaching class.

Weissmuller began competitive swimming in 1919 and kept to an intensive, ruthless training programme that astonished experts. One day he would spend an hour in the pool, merely holding on to a board and perfecting his feel movements. The next day he would swim for an hour with his feet encased in a rubber tube, mastering turn strokes.

Weissmuller attracted little attention until 1920. Then, with



dramatic impact, the human torpedo exploded on the swimming world. In that one summer 16-year-old Weissmuller broke every world record from 50 to 500 yards.

He became a national figure and was not far from a title when he went to Paris for the Olympic Games of 1924.

Weissmuller won the Olympic 100 metres free-style in 56 sec. and the 400 metres free-style in 5 min. 42 sec. Four years later, at the Amsterdam Olympics, he collected his third gold medal by winning the 100 metres free-style in 56.6 sec.

Then, after a decade in which he broke 67 swimming records, the Olympic giant was snapped up by Hollywood to play the title in "Tarzan of the Apes Man."

By JOHN
COTTRELL

the trees; he wanted to stay in the water. And for the first time in his life, the once-frail athlete found himself struggling to lose weight.

At the start of one film he weighed in at 160 lb. The producer put a clause in the contract stipulating that if Weissmuller weighed more than 200 lb. at any time during the film he would have to pay him 1,000 dollars per each pound gained.

Swinging

There were matrimonial difficulties (he has been married four times) and in a brawl in New York's elegant Stork Club he was found swinging from the chandeliers.

He became a centre of controversy in 1940 when he bitterly attacked sportmen who said they wanted the Germans and Japanese banned from the 1948 Olympics.

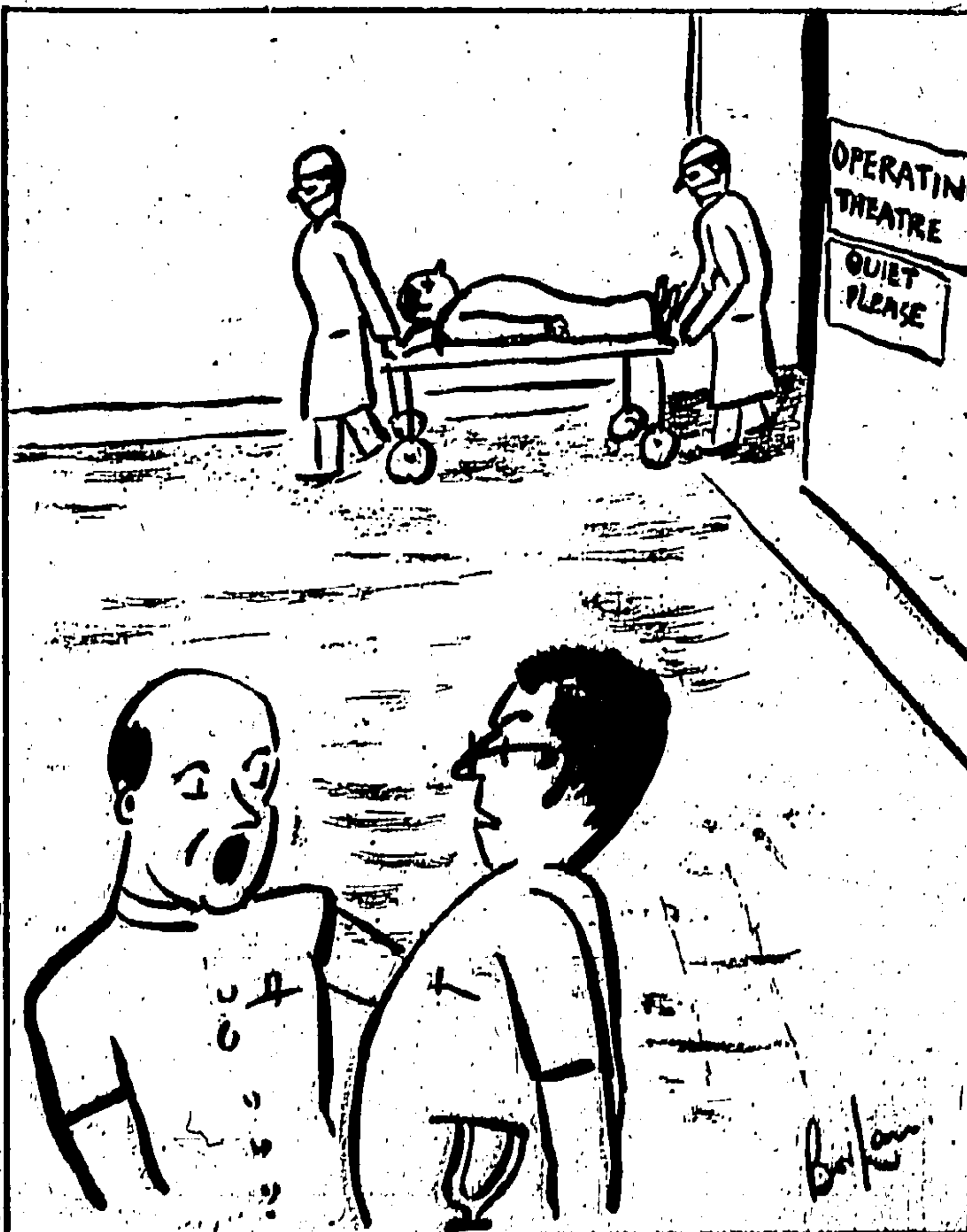
His reputation as a swimmer has also been dimmed in recent years by the sensational performance of new "water babies." His records have been smashed over and over again—even by young girls.

But Weissmuller's greatest triumph was his successful struggle for supreme fitness. And he introduced new technique and training ideas which were taken up by swimmers the world over.

Tomorrow

The Human Frog

"SONICIDE?"



"Bad case there, Hawkins, man! Let's let his hearing aid switched on at a Chinese opera—never had a chance, poor chap!"

WOMANSENSE

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Hunting Buffaloes

—Chief Hi And His Two Braves Play Make-Believe—
By MAX TRELL

As soon as the room was dark, and everyone in the house was fast asleep, Hiawatha, the Small-Sized Wooden Indian became a real little Indian. He came out of his tent, took his bow and arrows, went to the middle of the room — and then he whistled. The next second, Teddy, the Stuffed Bear, crept out from under the chair, and almost immediately after that Knarf, the Shadow Boy with the Turned-About Name, jumped up from the dark corner next to the bookcase. Then they both ran over to Hiawatha.

Greeted each other

"How, Braves!" greeted Hiawatha. "How, Chief!" greeted the two Braves. "Are you ready to come with me on the Big Hunt?" Chief Hiawatha asked. "We are ready, Chief!" replied Brave Knarf and Brave Teddy.

"Then get our Horse, Big North Wind!" ordered Chief Hiawatha. Brave Knarf and Brave Teddy dashed across to the opposite side of the room. Knarf grabbed the bridle and Teddy grabbed the tail of the Hobby Horse and dragged him over to Chief Hiawatha.

"Here is the Horse Big North Wind, Chief!" said Brave Knarf.

Armed his braves. Then Chief Hiawatha nodded and said it was well, and gave Brave Knarf a bow and arrows, and gave Brave Teddy, the Stuffed Bear, a tomahawk. Then they all sprang on the back of the Horse Big North Wind, and away they rode!

They didn't really move anywhere. They stayed in the same spot in the middle of the room, but they looked back and forth, back and forth, sometimes fast, sometimes slow.

"Halt! Halt! I see them—a whole herd of them!" whispered Chief Hiawatha.

"What do you see, Hi—I mean, Chief Hiawatha?" Brave Teddy, the Stuffed Bear, asked also in a whisper. "Sh-h-h. It's a herd of Buffalo, Brave Teddy," whispered Knarf. "Can't you see them?"

Pointed to wall. Knarf pointed to something on the wall just to one side of the window.



Chief Hiawatha was armed with a bow and arrows.

Buffalo they had got with their arrows and their tomahawks. "I don't see anything at all except the carpet on the floor," murmured Teddy.

But Chief Hiawatha and Brave Knarf skinned the Buffalo and built a roaring fire in the middle of the room.

"What fire? Where is it? I don't see any fire at all!" Brave Teddy, the Stuffed Bear, kept complaining. And they roasted the Buffalo meat.

Told stories

Then, after they had all finished eating the Buffalo, they sat around the glowing campfire telling stories — at any rate Knarf and Chief Hiawatha told stories of other wonderful Buffalo hunts.

As for Brave Teddy, the Stuffed Bear, he just stretched out on the carpet and stuck his feet in the middle of the "glowing campfire" and, after saying good night to Chief Hiawatha and Brave Knarf, he went fast asleep.

Rupert and the Gonnies—23



Rupert is shaken by the appearance of the new man. "Oh, please, who are you?" he says nervously. "You're awfully like the Gonnies that Gregory and I bought in Natchester, only your beard's not the same shape and your cap badge is different. Ours

were just your colour but they turned yellow in the night and at his words the other players were deeply. "So, it was you!" he interrupted. "Swinging round he gave a sudden shout and immediately four more odd figures ran towards him.

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THE DEATH OF THE STILETTO HEEL . . . IT DIED

UNNOTICED IN PARIS

FASHION has a tide-like certainty about it: what comes in must eventually go out. Nothing can hurry it away—certainly not criticism or scorn—but sooner or later, go it must.

And probably the biggest unproclaimed news of the Paris collections this year—news which will rejoice the hearts of millions—was right down at floor level: the stiletto heel is on its way OUT. In all the chequered history of fashion, perhaps no single idea has aroused quite such concerted opposition as the notorious stiletto heel, which, allied to the needlepoint toe, must be just about the most controversial shoe shape in history.

Opposition from the older generation, female as much as male, expressed in a long disapproving stare, a burst of jolly unbecoming laughter: "How you young things can loiter round on those weeny little heels I don't know!"

Opposition from the chiropractors who prophesied anything from a dull ache in the bunions to total deformation of the foot for those who persisted in wearing them.

And clamorous opposition from town councillors and architects, from store-owners and office-bosses, from dance-hall managers and directors of slapping lines who found carpets, parquet, rubber flooring, asphalt pavements and the decks of their beautiful liners stricken as if by infinite pockmarks or prematurely pounded into old age.

Banned them

HOTSTESSES at deb dances have marked their invitations with delicate requests that stiletto heels be eschewed by guests. Factories have banned them as a safety measure.

New (and best) solution of an old problem

DESIGNERS are perpetually producing solutions to one hoary old wardrobe problem: that of the working girl who doesn't have time to nip home and change between office and cocktail or dinner date. This particular solution strikes me as the best one yet. It consists of a charcoal grey sheath dress, sleeveless, with a subdued hint of decolette, and a zippy little jacket made of thick wool, dogtooth-checked in

charcoal and very pale grey to go over it. Most offices, in this age of air conditioning make a sleeveless dress common-sense. If not, add a short-sleeved sweater or a straight cardigan. As for the party . . . even without pearls, glitter or snow white kid gloves, I can't see that dress wilting unremarked in a corner. Designed by Anne Gragor for Horrocks, it is fully lined. Made in American sizes 6-16, it will be available about a month from now.

And one vicar, anxious for his lovely new carpets, even asked women in his parish magazines, to remove their stiletto-heeled shoes on entering church like new-style Mohammedans.

Not least of the irritants: the fact that these high silvers of heel are actually quite comfortable to wear. Had women limped around with tortured faces, suffering to be in fashion, they would all have minded less. It has been estimated (by a man) that every time a woman's foot stiletto-heeled, his the ground, pressure equivalent to that of a ton-weight is applied—a piece of arithmetic that has gone round.

Further calculations estimate that damage inflicted by this one fashion must run into millions of pounds—even when offset by the boom in the shoe-repairing business.

The tide is now on the turn. Balenciaga's models have never worn exaggerated pointed or fine-heeled shoes. At Dior, although the models stuck to stilettos by day, they changed, for evening, into Roger Vivier's Pompadour slippers, square and low of heel with short curly cotton-wool heels.

And at Pierre Cardin, most avant-garde of Paris's young designers, the mannequins were shod by day in shoes whose

Charcoal steak. STEAK expert Alf Farber says the secret of a good charcoal-broiled steak lies in the quality of the meat. It should have a marble colouring of white and red and there should be a ring of fat around a sirloin or a porterhouse.

To prepare, pre-heat the broiler including the grill to at least 750°. Then lay the unseasoned steak over the grill.

A rare steak takes about four minutes to broil. Farber cooks one side for three minutes and the other side for one minute. He says this method seals in the natural flavour and juices so they won't run out when the meat is turned.

Medium rare steaks should char for about six minutes, he says, and medium steaks take about eight minutes.

Steak well done? Farber gives no advice, because he never prepares one that way if he can help it.

Save potato chip

DON'T waste those potato chip crumbs at the bottom of the package. Use them to make cucumber pinwheel canapés.

Score 2 large dark cucumbers with fork, but do not peel. Cut small slices from each end. Scoop out seeds with loaded spoon. Sprinkle inside with a little salt and stand cucumbers on end to drain.

For the stuffing combine 1 cup cottage cheese with ½ cup potato chip crumbs, ¼ teaspoon ground ginger and juice and grated rind of a medium lemon. Beat well for about 5 minutes to blend flavours. Stir in 2 eggs with cheese mixture and refrigerate 1 hour. Slice ¼-inch thick, and serve on crisp potato chips.



Illustrated by JOHN COLE

And already the stiletto heel begins to strike my eye as just a tiny bit dated . . .

Keep it dry

SADDEST, silliest story of all this rainy summer . . . A girl, I know, spent days scouring the rainwater department of big stores for a pale classic-cut raincoat like the ones the French girls wear.

She finally tracked one down, bought it, and put it on the next morning of pouring rain.

Only to find a notice tucked away into one of the pockets which informed her: "Although this coat has been proofed, it is not advisable to wear it in wet weather." (London Express Service).

LADY LUCK

YOUR CHINA MAIL HOROSCOPE

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24

AQUARIUS (January 21-February 19): Unless you are willing to respect your partner's point of view, a harmonious collaboration will prove almost impossible.

PISCES (February 20-March 20): Observe the way others achieve their success and try to draw lessons for shaping your own.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You will slowly but surely reach the conclusion that ordinary conventional methods will not get you to the top.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Don't let too much social activity interfere with work in the early stages of your career. You will have plenty of time for it later.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): You will meet a person with a very unhappy home life, and your warm sympathy will be more of a consolation than you know.

CANCER (June 22-July 21): Don't be impatient if your repeated attempts to teach a young person a difficult subject seem to make little headway.

LEO (July 22-August 21): Don't argue with a friend who is hard to convince that he is not always right. Let him learn the hard way.

VIRGO (August 22-September 22): Your improved business status may make it expedient to include an entirely new set of acquaintances in your social circle.

LIBRA (September 23-October 22): After a wonderful holiday you should now be content to

settle down to your usual round of routine job without grumbling.

SCORPIO (October 23-November 21): Go more carefully into your finances before embarking on an extravagance which you may later regret.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22-December 21): What you may consider rudeness on the part of a casual acquaintance may be only a brusque manner which he assumes for effect.

CAPRICORN (December 22-January 20): Don't reproach yourself with your failure to make peace between two quarrelling friends. You have done all you could towards their reconciliation.

YOUR LUCKY CARD: If today is your birthday, your lucky card, no matter what game you may be playing, ought to be the THREE OF HEARTS.

JACOBY on BRIDGE

What do you do with 18 points and a balanced hand when your partner opens a 15- to 17-point no-trump? If he has the maximum of 17 you want to be in a slam and don't care about ace since with 33 high card points you just can't be missing two aces. If he has the minimum of 15 you can afford to play four no-trump, but don't want to be in a slam.

If you use all four no-trump bids as Blackwood you have no way to handle such situations, therefore all expert partnerships simply play that the immediate raise of an opening no-trump to four shows a balanced hand with enough points so that the partnership will hold

ACARD Series

Q—The bidding has been: East South West North 1♥ 2♥ 3♥ 4♥ 5♥ 6♥ 7♥ 8♥ 9♥ 10♥ 11♥ 12♥ 13♥ 14♥ 15♥ 16♥ 17♥ 18♥ 19♥ 20♥ 21♥ 22♥ 23♥ 24♥ 25♥ 26♥ 27♥ 28♥ 29♥ 30♥ 31♥ 32♥ 33♥ 34♥ 35♥ 36♥ 37♥ 38♥ 39♥ 40♥ 41♥ 42♥ 43♥ 44♥ 45♥ 46♥ 47♥ 48♥ 49♥ 50♥ 51♥ 52♥ 53♥ 54♥ 55♥ 56♥ 57♥ 58♥ 59♥ 60♥ 61♥ 62♥ 63♥ 64♥ 65♥ 66♥ 67♥ 68♥ 69♥ 70♥ 71♥ 72♥ 73♥ 74♥ 75♥ 76♥ 77♥ 78♥ 79♥ 80♥ 81♥ 82♥ 83♥ 84♥ 85♥ 86♥ 87♥ 88♥ 89♥ 90♥ 91♥ 92♥ 93♥ 94♥ 95♥ 96♥ 97♥ 98♥ 99♥ 100♥

TODAY'S QUESTION
Your partner bids two spades. What do you do now?
Answer Tomorrow

VERONICA PAPWORTH

Pinheads, be warned—there are snags!

The short cut is a sweeping London.

With delight I submitted myself to the scissors. For I've done my damndest, but I've never been truly "bought" — not for more than 12 hours at a stretch.

Backcombing madly and talking ten to the dozen to distract me—"Christian, how on earth do you expect me to get my comb through that undergrowth tomorrow?"—my favourite hairdresser, has in his time built up some splendid puffed-out effects with my soft intractable hair—and set them off in lacquer. But not for long.

Therefore the short cut, I told myself, was made for me. I was born pinheaded—and, no wisecracks, if you please.

★ ★ ★
A springy top and a sleek back with scimitar points curving under the cheekbones—no easy to keep; quick to dry; light to wear—in theory it could scarcely be simpler. However, there are snags. My new top, set on outside rollers, springs high and airy as a soufflé.

Its life is equally brief. Those scimitar curls, having been turned back for two solid years, are as pig-headed as the rest of Papworth.

Do they curve forward to caress my cheeks? They do not. They travel outward like a couple of cup-hooks. The other trouble is that my tall-crowned hats now carry a fatal of scrunched-up paper tissues to stop them falling over my ears. If I just soufflé pour être belle!

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SPORTS PICTORIAL



ABOVE LEFT: Mrs. Jane Baldasare, the 24-year-old American swimmer was forced last week to give up her attempt to swim the Channel underwater—because one of her escorting frogmen brought down an empty bottle of compressed air. The mishap happened four miles off the French coast, and four hours after she had set out from Cap Gris Nez for Dover. She had been swimming confidently along 10 feet below the surface, surrounded by a steel cage with underwater television cameras mounted to watch her progress. Frogmen took air bottles down to her every 20 minutes—until someone made the tragic mistake. She was taken on to Dover by boat, but may make another attempt soon. Photo shows Mrs. Baldasare being helped aboard a boat after giving up the attempt.

ABOVE RIGHT: 65-year-old Mrs. Brenda Williams, seen here with her horse Little Model, will once more be the only grandmother competing in the Olympic Games at Rome this month, just as she was in 1956. She will represent England in the dressage section of the horse-riding event.

LEFT: Photo shows Jane Cederquist, the little-known Swedish swimmer, who last Wednesday shattered Australian Lisa Konrad's 800 metres freestyle world swimming record. Her time was 9 minutes 55.6 seconds, which was 15 seconds faster than the previous record. Jane, however, will swim the 400 metres in the Olympics.—London Express photos.



ABOVE: The Beirut Racing Club football team from Lebanon played two matches against the combined Chinese last weekend at the SCAA ground. They lost the first game on Saturday by four goals to one and the second on Sunday by five goals to nil. Photo shows one of the visiting forwards missing a scoring chance in Saturday's match when goalkeeper Kwok Chow-ming came up in time to tackle him.—China Mail photo.

LEFT: One of Britain's brightest hopes in the Rome Olympics, 20-year-old brunette Norma Thomas, badly cut her foot last week during training. Nevertheless Norma, who works in a London hospital, still hopes that it will heal in time for her and high-diving team-mate Ann Long to make a big effort to break the current U.S. stranglehold on the event. Photo shows Norma at work.—London Express Service.

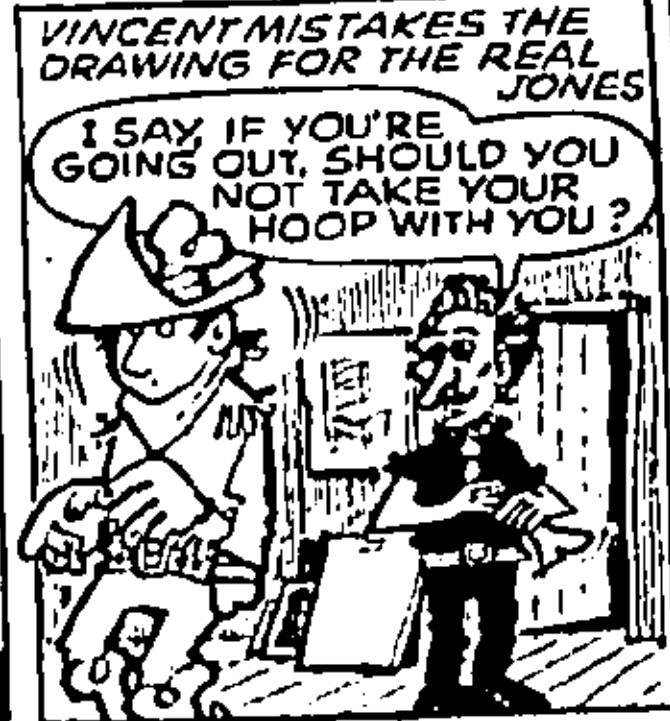


LEFT AND RIGHT: Scenes during the Colony Open Triples Lawn bowls final at the Kowloon Dock Club last Sunday. On left are (from left) Martin Wong, P. Hughes, T. Kavanagh and A. M. Baptista. The two skips in the right photo are C. C. Ma (bowling) and E. J. Liddell. The Kowloon Bowling Green Club three of Hughes, Kavanagh and Liddell won the match by 18-8.—China Mail photos.



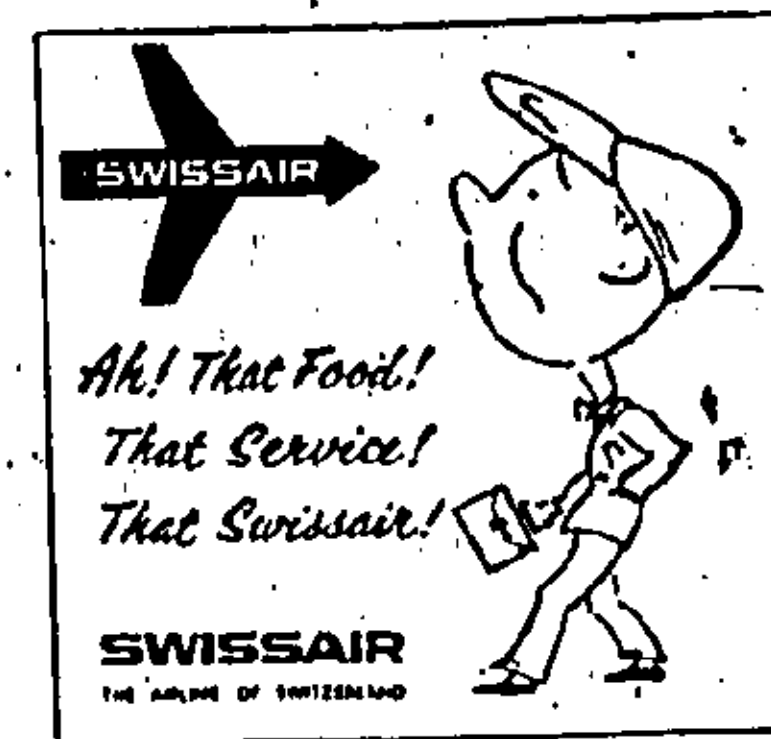
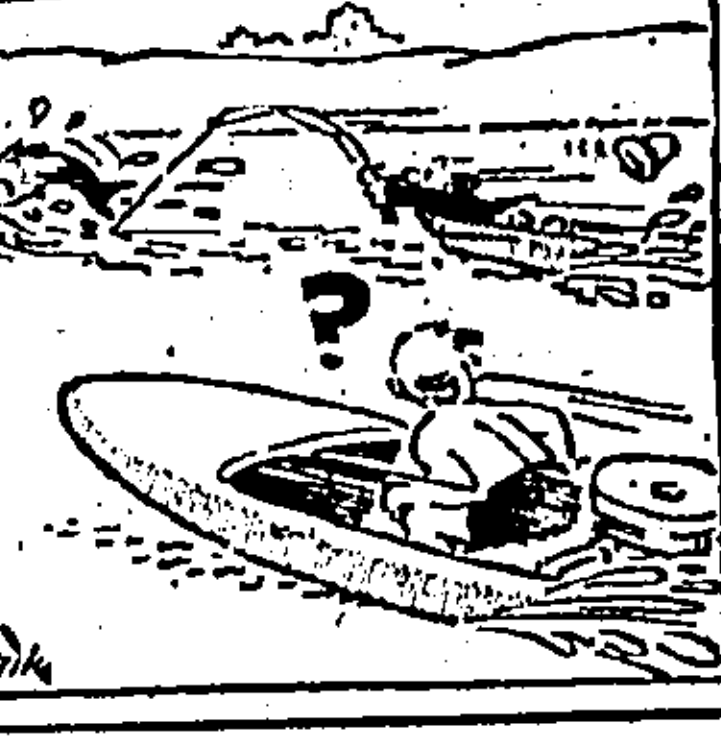
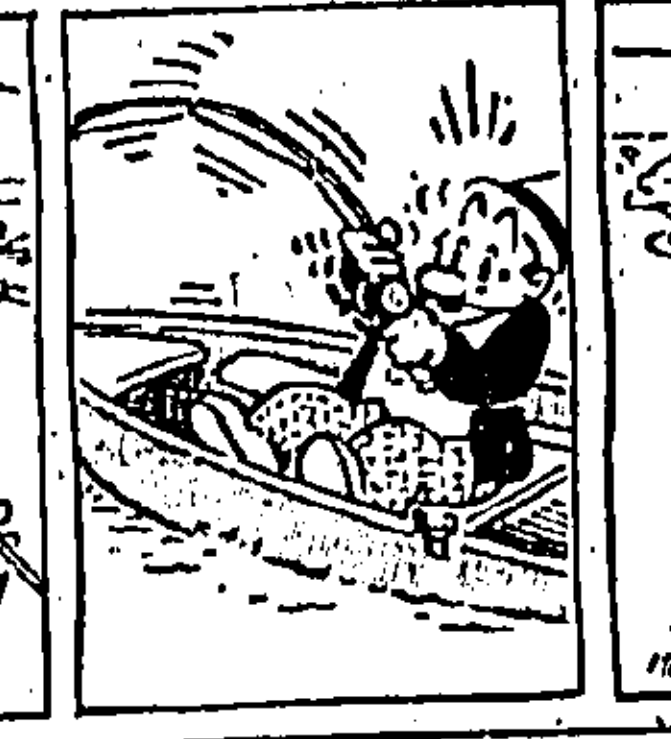
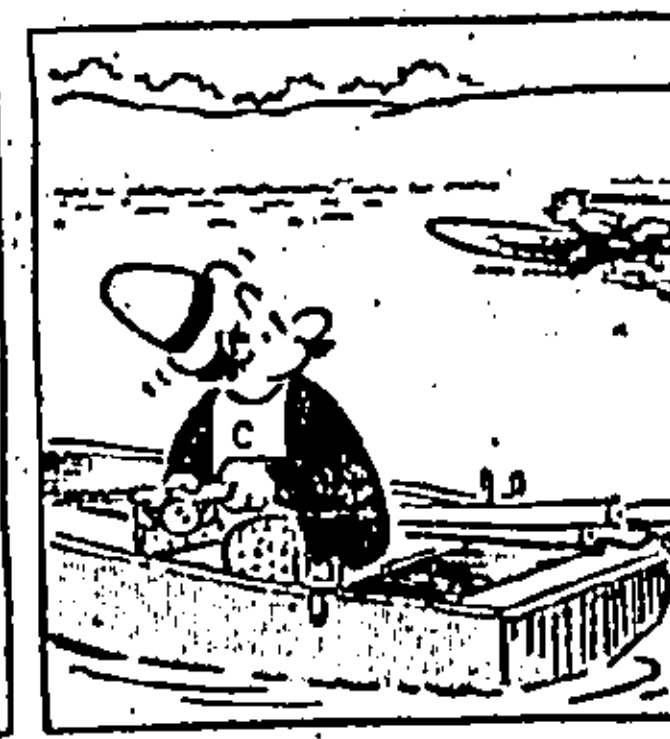
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BY MADDOCKS



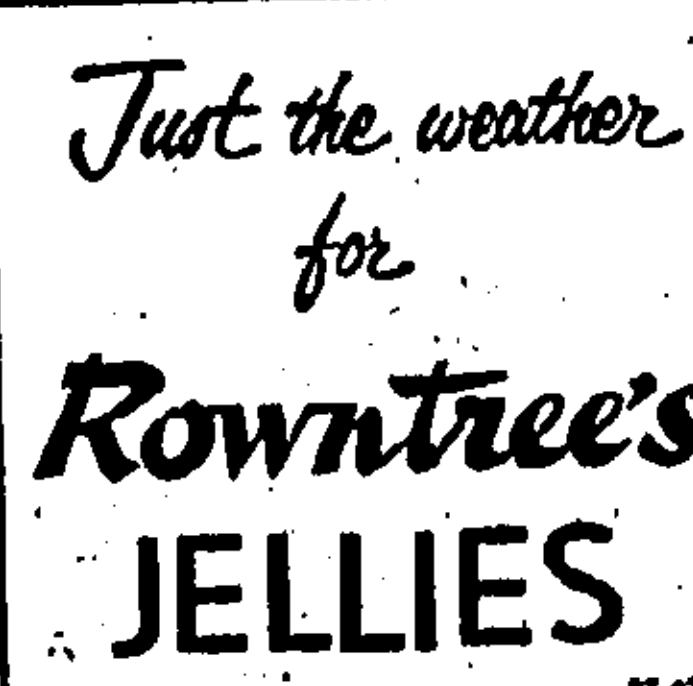
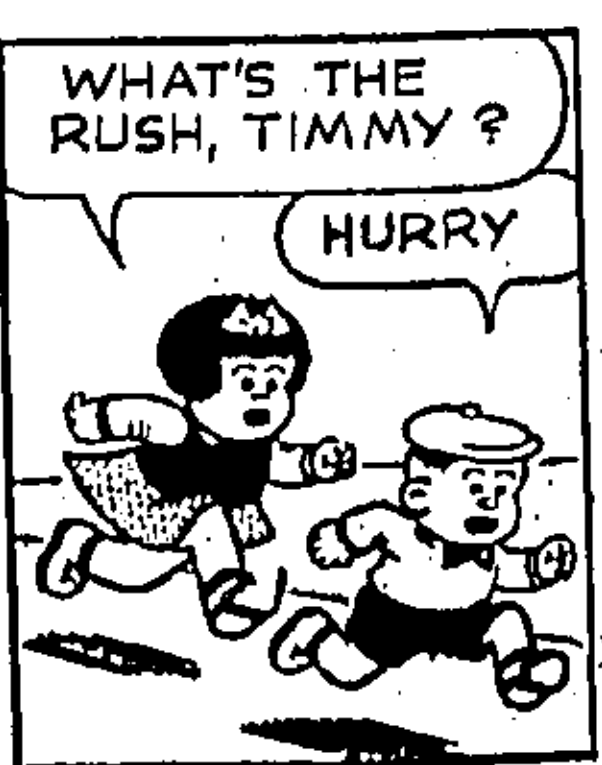
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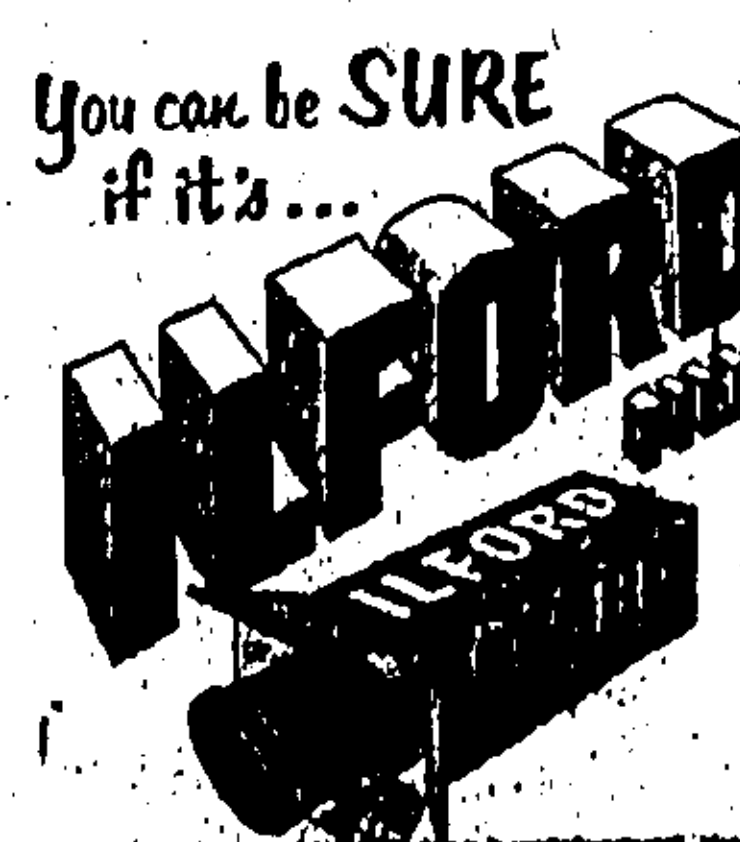
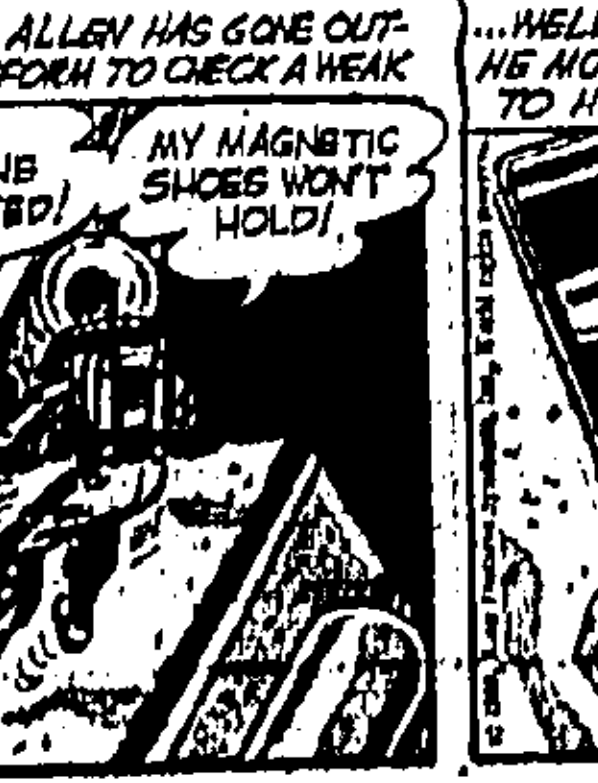
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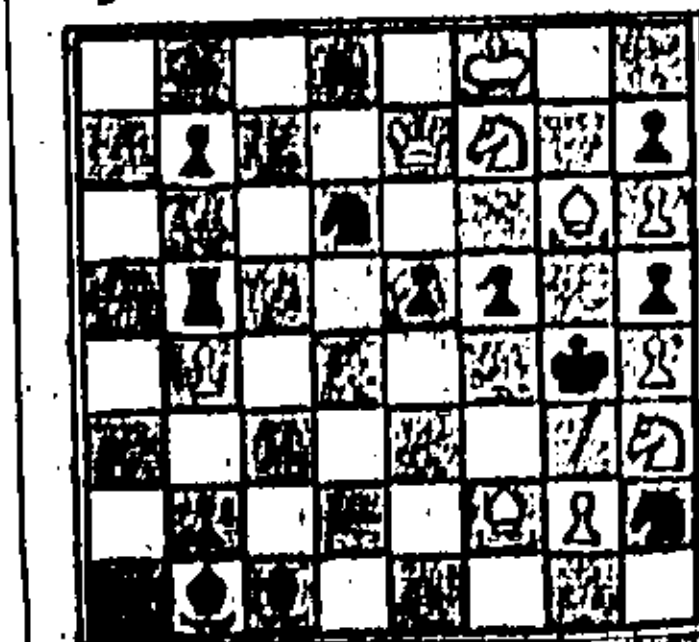
UK soccer results

London, Aug. 23.
Results of tonight's British football matches were:

ENGLISH LEAGUE		
Division I		
Arsenal	1	Preston 0
Division II		
Sheffield U.	2	Plymouth 0
Swansea	2	Walsley 0
Division III		
Bristol City	1	Bournemouth 0
Walsley	1	Southend 0
Brentford	2	Widford 1
Division IV		
Doncaster	0	Southport 1
Oldham	0	Aldershot 1
Carlisle	1	Stockport 2
IRISH LEAGUE		
Ulster Cup		
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Woman paid \$160 to get rid of child

A married woman told Central Magistrate, Mr. Derek Cons, this morning that she paid \$160 as a fee "to get rid of my child."

Lam Lai-lin, of 50 Gloucester-road, was testifying in committal proceedings against a 50-year-old man, Wai Cheung-sok, of 350 Conduit-road, charged with intent to procure miscarriages, and possession of pethidine hydrochloride.

It is alleged the offences occurred at his residence on April 6 and May 20 and that three women were involved.

Lam said on May 17 she felt a pain in her stomach and went to see Wai in his clinic. She said she was not sure where this clinic was.

PREGNANT

"After examining me he told me I was pregnant and asked me if I wanted to get rid of the child. I said yes," Lam testified.

She said Wai at first charged her \$250 for the operation but later agreed to reduce it to \$160.

She said she was taken to a house and was given an injection inside a room.

"When I woke up I felt a pain in my abdomen," Lam said. She added that Wai asked her to drink some "medicine water" and she slept until dawn when the pain came to arrest them.

Cross-examined by Mr. H. H. B. How, who represents Wai on instruction by M. K. Lam and Co., witness admitted she had received injections by Wai before for treatment of venereal disease.

Hearing is continuing.

Detective-Insp. A. J. Lyster is appearing for the Crown.

ARRESTS IN CAMBODIA

Phnom Penh, Aug. 23.

The Government has announced the arrest of 15 members of the Khmer Party's Communist group on charges of possessing leaflets and propaganda violating the royal constitution. —Reuters.

Shot acid at coat with water pistol

A boy allegedly shot acid at a woman's raincoat and a curtain using a water pistol, a court was told today.

The 16-year-old motor mechanic apprentice was bound over in the sum of \$300 for two years by Mr. B. Corbally at Central Court.

The boy, who pleaded guilty, was also ordered to pay \$38 compensation to the woman, Wong Hui-yu. In default he had to go to jail for 20 days.

Sub-Inspector Yip Tai-yau said the boy and the woman lived in the same flat in Shau-kei street East.

The boy's parents, who were principal tenants, had previously had disputes with the woman over rent.

On the evening of August 15, Wong hung a raincoat outside her cubicle and found it damaged the following morning. As she had no idea who did it, no report was made to the police.

But the same thing happened yesterday when she found her door-curtain damaged by acid. Then she reported the two incidents to the police.

False pretences charge against inspector

An Urban Services Department assistant health inspector appeared before Mr. E. S. Haydon at Kowloon Court this morning on a charge of obtaining money by false pretences.

Liu Yu-chung, living at the basement of 64 Kimberley-road, Kowloon, was remanded for three days in police custody for further inquiries.

No plea was taken.

Det. Sub-Inspector Albert Poon prosecuted.

dear sir ANGRY CULTURE

Isn't it curious that with all this gabbling about culture and the lack of it in the Colony, our correspondents all seem to think that, like some refreshing drinks, culture can be gulped down by the mouthfuls, not realising that it is something to be cultivated, not just the listening to sweet music, be they chamber or otherwise, or going around staring incomprehensibly at some spidery scrawls dignified with the name of futurist drawings, or reading heavy tomes on every conceivable subject under the sun just to be sure that one does not miss something?

We complain that Hongkong lacks culture, that we should have more libraries, more of this, that and the other to enrich our cultural life, while all the time we behave like the barbarians of Tartary, rude, boorish and coarse as the horny-handed sons of the soil, untutored in all the finer aspects of life, though pretending to be gentle to the sickening point of hypocrisy.

Correspondents may air their personal refinement by writing long (and, presumably, learned) screeds on the subject of culture, fancying that by forcing their brains they can produce something worthy to rank among the immortal classics, finding a shortcut to fame (or infamy) through the medium of the Press by the kindness of an indulgent editor who has our pity for wading through the daily heaps of garbage to sift the fish head from the cocktail, but they only delude themselves.

Now, who was it who said to whom: "Too much learning doth make thee mad"? Take heed, ye scribes of pompous missives, your dictionary-searching and flicking of the pages of encyclopaedia will never make you a cultured gentleman, much as you would dearly love to be regarded as one.

To be a truly cultured gentleman one must first learn how to conduct oneself as a gentleman of culture, refined, liberal minded and magnanimous. Possessing these attributes, even if you lack education, you may regard yourself a gentleman of culture. This is the shortest cut. Not by attending highbrow concerts, fixing a stupid stare at some boring hieroglyphics, or browsing among dusty tomes on dead data that culture is imbibed.

Learn first the meaning of the word culture—refinement the result of cultivation; a type of civilisation; to cultivate, to improve. Not only improve the mind, but, of greater importance, the character as well.

To all hypocrites who sing about the value of culture: go thou and do likewise!

ANGRY CULTURIST.

Three jailed on opium charges

Three unemployed men were each sentenced to four years by Judge P. R. Springall in the Victoria District Court this morning when they were convicted on two charges of having opium and managing a place where opium was made.

The prosecution said the three men, Chow Chiu, Chua Fat and Lee Cheung, were found on the second floor of 29 Second-street when a police party raided the premises on June 17. The police also found four tins of prepared opium and five pounds of raw opium. A large quantity of utensils for making the opium was also seized.

The accused who denied the charges were represented by Mr. Benjamin Liu, Chief Inspector C. L. Smith, assisted by Inspector J. P. MacMahon, prosecuted.

Woman failed to appear

Judge A. J. Sanguinetti at Kowloon District Court this morning dismissed the case against a woman who was alleged to have caused grievous bodily harm to his wife.

The woman was absent from court and the prosecution therefore offered no evidence against the accused.

Mr. D. D'Almeida Remedios, Crown Counsel, told the court that the woman, Sum Chin, had left home sometime last week and had not returned since. The accused was Chiu Wing-yin (28) of 428 Shanghai-street, third floor, Kowloon.

Judgment reserved

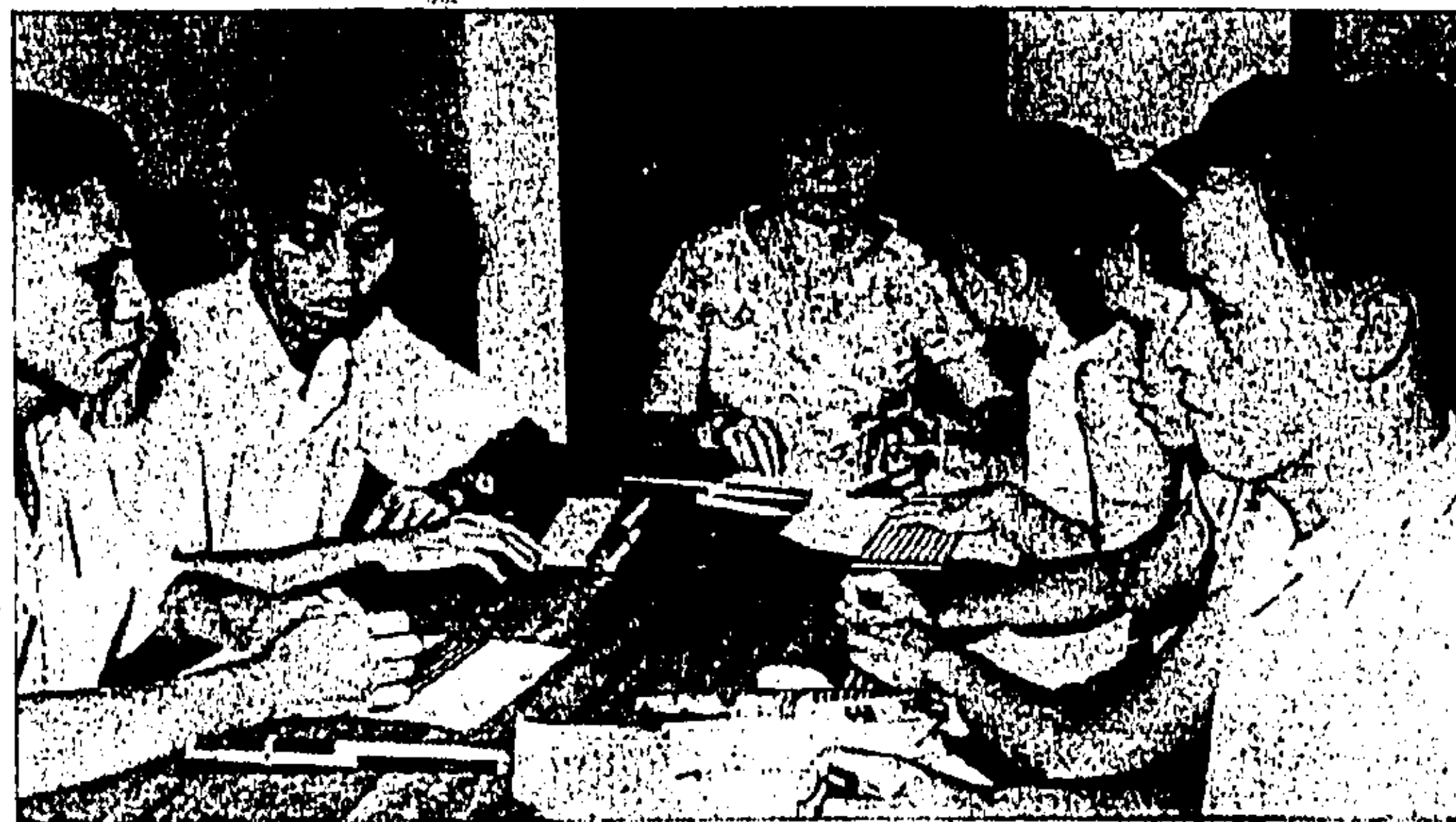
Judge K. R. Macfee in the Victoria District Court this morning reserved judgment in the trial of a Shanghai tailor, facing a charge of wounding a woman.

The tailor, Yim Cheung-hing, 50, testified yesterday that he

did not remember what had happened on the day of the alleged attack.

He denied the charge of wounding Kwong Tai with a triangular file.

Mr. D. G. Willis, Crown Counsel, prosecuted, and Yim was defended by Mr. Lawrence Leong.



Lucy Ching (centre) gives instructions to some blind patients on the use of Braille.—China Mail photo.

Failed to submit accounts

The Chairman of the Hongkong and Kowloon Tinsmith Union was fined \$300 by Mr. I. T. Morris at Central Court this morning for failing to submit the union's accounts to the Registry of Trade Unions on time.

The defendant, Leung Chu, who had failed to appear in court to answer the summons, was fined \$300 on a previous occasion, pleaded guilty. He appeared on \$300 bail this morning.

Leung had one previous conviction for a similar offence last year when he was fined \$50.

Mainland China discussed

Nearly 50 participants in the First Asian Conference of the International Association for Research in Income and Wealth, discussed papers on mainland China and Asian economic growth when they met at the University of Hongkong this morning.

Speaking of his paper "Social accounting in Communist China," Mr. P. Lucy, of the University of Hongkong, said it had been difficult to compile data on the subject, because of the lack of reliable information sources, and to check data which was obtained.

Mr. H. T. Oshima, of the Hitotsubashi University, Tokyo, discussed his paper on "National accounts for the study of Asian economic growth." During the latter half of the morning's session, Mr. A. Eckstein, of the University of Rochester, New York, laid his paper on "Mainland China's national product 1952." Mr. Eckstein's paper is part of a larger study which is to be published in book form shortly. Delegates to the conference will be attending the inaugural meeting of the Hongkong Economic Association at the Hongkong Club this evening.

The speaker at the meeting will be Professor J. Tinbergen, Professor of the Economic Research Institute there.

'Treat blind people NORMALLY'

By Sylvia da Costa-Roque

Meet Lucy Ching. She is blind. She is only 24. Do you feel sorry for her? Don't.

"I have a lot to be thankful for," she says, "and my greatest ambition has been realised." A teacher of the blind in the Special Welfare Services Section of the Social Welfare Department, Lucy is one of the most highly-educated blind people in the Colony.

Greatest ambition

She was educated with sighted children, first at the Sacred Heart School in Macao, and then at the Diocesan Girls' School in Hongkong. She spent four years at America's leading school for the blind, Perkins, where she took a teachers' course and learned to play the organ.

Her greatest ambition was realised a year ago when she was asked to join the Department. "Ever since I was a child, I wanted to work for the blind, make myself really useful." But with the realisation of one ambition, Lucy developed another—"To make sighted people realise that blindness doesn't necessarily make a person useless or mentally unfit. I want educated blind people to be given a chance to work with sighted people."

Same chances

She wants others to have the same chances as she, and thanks the Department for employing her. "By that action I hope other employers gained more confidence in blind people and their capabilities."

Lucy was born in Chungshan County, a normal sighted child. But when a few months old, her eyes developed an infection. Her parents took her to the village "quack."

"He went to some mountains to gather special flowers. He treated me with them, and blinded me."

Hongkong was safeguarded against "quack" eye-doctors as from last year, when the Hong-

Her hates

Her greatest hates? "People coming up to me and saying, 'Guess who?' people who tiptoe in and out of rooms in the belief that I can't hear them; or who speak indirectly to me, 'Ask Lucy if she will, etc.,' and those who yell one another, 'Look, she is blind!'"

She gets upset by people who offer to direct her when she is in the street, not simply by taking her arm and guiding her, but by loud instructions such as, "To the left, a few more steps in front, then turn right, etc."

If sighted people treat the blind like that, it is obvious they consider them inferior, and it seems rather hopeless that such people would offer a blind person a job.

"The vocational training centres set up by the Hongkong Society for the Blind are wonderful, but, as I said before, my greatest ambition is to see blinded and sighted people working shoulder to shoulder, and with employers taking on a blinded person as a matter of course, not by a sense of sympathy and duty."

From the Files

25 years AGO

August, 1935

From the SCM Post's 25 Years Ago column: "What seems to have been an organised raid on all the Colony, has, we trust, been brought to an end by the capture of another thief... on Saturday morning."

St Joseph's Church was entered, presumably by a convert, and the pyx and bronze crucifix stolen. He, however, had not gone far before he was seen and a watchman quickly effected his arrest.

The watchman was commended by Mr. Wood for his work in bringing to justice one of the sacrilegious rascals who have been causing so much trouble of late.

The thief was sentenced to six months imprisonment with hard labour and four hours' stocks.

It is to be hoped that the exemplary punishment meted out to the two men caught will serve the useful purpose of a deterrent."

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THE annual meeting of members of the Hongkong Hockey Club was held at the Cricket Club with Mr. A. A. Dand in the Chair. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year, Messrs W. Woodward and E. J. R. Mitchell, Vice Presidents, Mr. G. Sommer, Hon. Sec., Mr. E. V. Reed, Hon. Treasurer and Captain of the First XI, Mr. J. E. Potter.

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Mr. Tagg reviews the Auxiliaries this morning.—China Mail photo.

'Be firm but courteous'

Mr. G. T. Tagg took the salute at a passing-out parade of 188 members of the Auxiliary Police Force this morning.

There were six sub-inspectors and 16 NCOs on parade with 164 police constables. They had trained for 11 days at the third camp to be held this year for Auxiliary Police, their senior officer being Mr. O. R. Sadick.

Mr. Tagg was accompanied on his inspection by the Senior Staff Officer, Mr. A. J. Schouten and Mr. Sadick.

The commanding officer of the parade was Mr. H. E. Alers. Addressing the Auxiliaries, Mr. Tagg said: "Now that you have completed your course of training I would like to impress upon you the

importance of being firm but courteous at all times, and helpful to those who have need of your guidance and advice."

"The citizen will always turn to the Police in time of need if he has faith in their ability and integrity. It is your duty to help them and to justify their faith in you."

